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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of COLUMBUS

Attorney Docket No. 1477-P02227US1

Application No. 10/074,900

Group Art Unit: 1743

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Examiner: Lyle ALEXANDER

For: CARTRIDGE FOR CONTAINING A  
SPECIMEN SAMPLE FOR OPTICAL  
ANALYSIS

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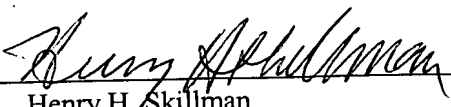
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

It is requested that the Examiner reconsider his requirement to restrict the application.

A provisional election is made, electing claims 1-14. In the event the restriction requirement is maintained, claims 15-18 are retained pending a decision as to whether to file a divisional application.

The reasons for withdrawal of the restriction requirement are set forth in **Attachment B-1**.

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